

Curriculum Letter for YR - Summer Term 1 2026

General Information

We are all excited to be back together after the Easter holidays and have hit the ground running! We are impressed with how well the children have settled back into school life and are looking forward to a fun-packed final term in Reception.

Both classes have maintained a really good attendance record, however RB and RW are yet to win the weekly attendance award; please make every effort to ensure your child is not missing out, as every day in school counts.

Also, please take a look at our new **Knowledge Organiser** on Tapestry. We use this with the children to talk about learning activities for this half term.

Curriculum

Our topic this term is **Marvellous Minibeasts**, which is linked to all areas of learning through our core books, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle, *Growing Frogs* and *Yucky Worms* by Vivien French.

Knowledge & Understanding of the World:

We believe that firsthand experiences are so important to support learning in early years. The children will take part in an insect hunt around the school field and will be learning all about different minibeasts and their habitats. We will be watching caterpillar eggs hatch, using a wormery, making bug hotels and observing frogspawn as it changes. We will also continue with developing our garden with planting and growing linked to our Spring term topic, which was all about plants.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development:

In our circle times, the children will understand why we have rules and why it is important to persist and persevere in the face of challenges. They will learn some strategies and skills to help them develop the skills of perseverance and resilience.

Literacy:

This term focuses on reinforcing the phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs we have already covered, by building on each child's ability to segment and blend longer words. We will be learning root word endings such as, -ed -ing and -est. The children will be learning more tricky words and new bookmarks will be sent home in due course. Also, we are starting to learn to spell the most common tricky words from memory.

Mathematics:

We continue to use the Mathematics Mastery scheme. This half term, we will be securing addition and subtraction facts, combining two numbers to make a total, adding on and using the part-whole model for subtraction. We will also be finding one more and one greater than a number within 20 and one fewer and one less than a number within 20. This will be followed by number patterns to 20, where we will be solving practical problems that involve combining groups of 2, 5 or 10, or sharing into equal groups.

Expressive Art & Design

We will be developing our fine motor skills by using threading to make spider webs, as well as drawing, painting and clay modelling minibeasts. We will also be learning some songs, rhymes and poems linked to our new topic.

Physical Development: Outdoor PE is on Friday morning with Coach Kymani, all children must wear their PE kits to school. We will also be having dance and movement sessions linked to our minibeast topic.



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Reading

We hope that you have enjoyed listening to your child read to you at home and can see how the regular reading in school is helping develop confidence and fluency. **Home reading books will continue to be set as eBooks this term** with library books sent home weekly, to encourage reading for pleasure. All children take part in daily reading sessions appropriate to their level. Your continued support at home with learning sounds and tricky words is very much appreciated.

Homework

Homework is set each Friday on Tapestry. This is linked to learning that has taken place during the school week. Please feel free to explore the Busy Things website as it is not solely for homework, please enjoy exploring all of the educational content it offers.

Key Dates

Class Photographs	Monday 20 th April
PTA School disco	Friday 1 st May
Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 4 th May
RB visit to St. Andrew's Church	Wednesday 6 th May
Polling Day (school closed)	Thursday 7 th May
RB visit to Oakwood Park	Wednesday 13 th May
RW visit to Oakwood Park	Thursday 14 th May
RW visit to St. Andrew's Church	Thursday 21 st May
Elmer Day	Friday 22 nd May
Half term	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May

*More information about trips and events to follow